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COUNCIL ON CHILD SAFETY AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

Outreach Subcommittee

September 5, 2019
10:00 AM

1700 West Washington Street Suite 230
5th Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Outreach Subcommittee was convened on September 5, 2019, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family, Suite 230 Conference Room A, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. Notice having been duly given.

Members Present (8)	
Katie O'Dell, Chair	
Jenica McMaster, Co-Chair	
Cody Fort	
Robin Pearson	
Richard Yarbough	
Paul Mulligan	
Laura Magruder (on phone)	
Steve Vogel (on phone)	
Members Absent (1)	Staff/Guests Present (2)
Warren Stewart, Jr.	Cecilia Fernandez
	Katherine Guffy, DCS

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Katie O'Dell, Chair, called the Outreach Subcommittee meeting to order at 10:03 AM with eight members present and one member absent, one guest and one staff present.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Jenica McMaster, Co-Chair, welcomed the Subcommittee members and made introductions. Ms. Robin Pearson provided an overview of Ms. Katherine Guffy's position with the Department of Child Safety. Ms. O'Dell moved to reorder the agenda to discuss the video first as Ms. Guffy would not be joining the meeting until later.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Katie O'Dell requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2019 Outreach Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Richard Yarbough motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Cody Fort seconded. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

4. VIDEO DISCUSSION

Ms. O'Dell shared that communication with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) is in progress and she is waiting for GOYFF to provide direction in where to go next with the video. Subcommittee members shared that they are worried about the progress of the video based on the reports for completion and outreach that they have given to the Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment (CSFE). The subcommittee discussed what language they will use when reporting about the video at the September 12, 2019 CSFE council meeting. Ms. O'Dell will continue to work with GOYFF in order to make progress.

Subcommittee members then discussed the community forum idea and what they want to learn prior to holding a community forum and what the community forum purpose would be.

- Learning/Discussion topics
 - What are the standards used by DCS and based on those, what kinds of forum or education session can the subcommittee provide to the community?
 - What is already being done by DCS or others to educate the community?
 - What does dissemination of information or education look like?
 - How do we frame our objective and really communicate information that is not well known or circulated?
 - How is it best to format the forum and do we call it a forum or a community conversation?
- Forum purpose
 - Not to live in fear
 - Empower families
 - Traditional methods don't always have results
 - Give the community tools to take away and implement

Subcommittee members also discussed the forum held by the African American Children and Families (AACF) subcommittee of the CSFE. Mr. Yarbough shared his experience at the forum that was held in March and also shared what he and AACF Chair, Mr. Roy Dawson discussed regarding the outcomes of the forum. This discussion included impressions that Mr. Dawson had on the guidelines presented to him by GOYFF for events of this nature. Subcommittee members asked if there is a process or requirements that subcommittees are meant to follow in regards to events and project planning. Ms. O'Dell asked the following to be on the record.

- Ms. O'Dell states that to her understanding the subcommittees should never be dictated in regards to the project they want to do. Subcommittee members are community leaders and convene to work as a think tank. Ms. O'Dell also stated that there are not set of rules provided or discussed with chairs on projects or work that can be done or a process that should be followed.

Ms. Cecilia Fernandez provided guidance as to how GOYFF can support subcommittees in their projects.

5. DCS Discussion

The subcommittee brainstormed about some questions to ask Ms. Guffy, some of their questions were:

- What are the top 10 reasons for removals for families that fall in the "gray"
- What are the misconceptions of removal
- Are the reports that come in categorized

- What are the “neglect” parameters
- What are the issues faced with marijuana use
- What is it about the areas with high removal incidence, why are there such high removals?
- What education forums already exist and what do they consist of?
- What are the strategies/approaches that parents can do based on what children are being removed for?
- What is the legal age to leave children home alone?

Ms. Guffy shared her background and responsibilities as the Chief Quality Improvement Officer at DCS. After being given a short description of the Outreach subcommittee’s projects, goals and questions about DCS process, Ms. Guffy overviewed the following:

- Safe Model
- Hotline Screening Tool
- Present Danger Assessment
 - Three areas in which present danger is determined;
 1. Failure to protect
 2. Danger in the home
 3. Vulnerability (children 5 and younger and those with developmental disabilities)
 - Present danger plan options
 - Notification to parents of child removal
- Team Decision Making meetings
 - Purpose and process
- What is the legal age to leave children home alone?
 - There is no state statute in Arizona for age. Determination is based on vulnerability and safety of the child, frequency of occurrence and how is this affecting the child

6. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Members would like Ms. Guffy to return to build on and offer more information on today’s discussion.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Thursday, October 3, 2019

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM with no dissent.